GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Endowments Department – Exchange of land between Tirumal Tirupati Devasthanams and Sri Durga Malleswara Swamy Devasthanam, Indrakeeladri, Vijayawada – Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (ENDTS.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O. Ms. No.445 Dated 13.10.2016.

Read:

Letter from the E.O., Sri Durga Malleswara Swamy Devasthanam Letter dated Nil.

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In the reference read above, the Executive Officer, Sri Durga Malleswara Swamy Devasthanam, Indrakeeladri, Vijayawada has informed that her temple is undertaking a major decongestion project to make it pilgrim friendly. She reported that as a part of the project, whatever little parking area that was available with the temple has been given for road widening recently. Hence a serious parking crisis has emerged near the temple which is seriously inconveniencing the public. The Executive Officer has stated that there is a dire need to plan for a good parking area where devotees can park their vehicles.

2. There is no proper place left with Durga Malleswara Swami Devasthanam at Indrakeeladri. The Executive Officer stated that there is a vacant plot of 2.10 acres nearby which belongs to the Tirumala Tirupathi Devasthanams which is in complete disuse for a very long time. This land is situated at Kummaripalem Centre and has been found very suitable as it is very near to Durga, Punnami & Bhavani Ghats and also the Devasthanam. She also stated that her temple is proposing to procure designer buses like in Tirumala which will operate free shuttle service from the parking area to the temple and ghats regularly. Hence, she requested the Government to allot the said site in favour of the temple.

3. The Government has carefully examined the matter and observed the following:

i. One of the major problems being faced by Sri Durga Malleswara Swamy Temple is lack of vehicular parking and vehicular traffic is alarmingly increasing by the day near this temple. This temple is in the capital and the most important shrine of Andhra Region. It is poised for rapid growth. Presently, the temple is implementing projects worth more than Rs.100 crores.

ii. The temple surroundings was extremely congested and surrounded by several dilapidated structures.. As a result, the temple had to recently spend considerable resources to acquire lands from private parties. The temple had a small parking lot at its entrance in Arjuna Veedhi. Unfortunately the temple had to part with this land for road widening purpose.

4. Keeping the above position in view, Government hereby direct the Executive Officer, Tirumal Tirupathi Devasthanams and Executive Officer, Sri Durga Malleswara Swamy Devasthanam to undertake exchange of 2.10 acres land belonging to Tirumal Tirupathi Devasthanams in NTS No. 123, Revenue Ward No.1, block No.3 situated at Kummaripalem Centre with 2.10 acres of land in Sy. No. 167 & 169 of Gudavallli belonging to Sri Durga Malleswara Swamy Varla

Devasthanam, Indrakeeladri, Vijayawada for providing parking facilities to the pilgrims visiting Indrakeeladri.

5. The Executive Officer of Sri Durga Malleswara Swamy Devasthanamin turn is directed to allot the Executive Officer, Tirumal Tirupathi Devasthanams an equivalent extent of land in Sy. No. 167 & 169 of Gudavalli which belongs to her temple.

6. The Endowments Department has handed over several famous temples like Vontimitta, Upamaka and Ananthavaram recently along with vast properties to Tirumal Tirupathi Devasthanams in the recent past This exchange of land between the two major Hindu temples is approved as it is in public interest and it will help the cause of Hindu devotees and promote religious tourism in the State.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

J.S.V. PRASAD
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Executive Officer, Tirumal Tirupathi Devasthanams, Tirupathi.
Spl. Chief Secretary to C.M.
The Commissioner, Endowments, A.P., Hyderabad.
The Executive Officer, Sri Durga Malleswara Swamy Varla Devasthanam, Indrakeeladri, Vijayawada with a request to pursue the matter with TTD.
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